Government continuously monitor all developments affecting India's security and national interests and take appropriate measures for safeguarding the same.

Supplying nuclear reactor to Pakistan by China

1615. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA;
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press re-port published in the 'Indian Express' of 4th January, 1992 to the effect that Pakistan has been supplied a 300 megawatt nuclear reactor by China;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the deal was signed between Pakistan and China after the recent visit -of Chinese Prime Minister to India;

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard; and

(d) what steps Government is taking to safeguard the security of the Country?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government have taken note of the positions expressed by China and Pakistan that the 300 MW nuclear power plant to be supplied by China to Pakistan is to be used for 'peaceful purposes' and that it will be fully covered under the safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). China and Pakistan have been made fully aware of Government's concern re-, garding Pakistan's .clandestine nuclear programme.

(d) Government keep under constant review all developments having a bearing on India's security and take appropriate measures to safeguard the national interest.

Permission to foreign ships to visit India

1616. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJL Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to allow only certified foreign warships without nuclear weapons on board to visit India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not. the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the number of foreign warships with nuclear weapons on board have visited India so far and the reasons for according permission to them?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) In accordance with Government policy which has been made known to the foreign Governments, we do not allow foreign warships known to carry nuclear weapons to visit Indian ports.

Food aid for Russia

1617. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 47 nations had given food aid for Russia as reported in the Pioneer of 25th January, 1992;

(b) whether Government had joined in this group specially since

India has been helped by several countries in the past in our famines as a humanitarian gesture; and

(c) if so, whether similar help will also be rendered to Ethiopia?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No Sir, Government have how ever, announced a contribution of Rs. 150 million to the Russian Commission for Humanitarian and Technical Ass istance, as a gesture of friendship and in the tradition of mutual coopera tion. This amount would be used to supply items identified by the Com mission, viz. baby food, rice and medicines.

(c) India supplied medicines, baby food and milk powder worth Rs. 5 lakhs to Ethiopia in August, 1991. There is presently no proposal under consideration in this regard.

पाकिस्तान द्वारा भारत-विरोधी प्रचार का किया जाना

1618. श्रीमती रत्न कुमारी : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पाकिस्तान ने अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर कश्मीर के मसले को लेकर भारत-विरोधी प्रचार को गहन कर दिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इस स्थिति से निपटने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री माधवसिंह सोलंकी) : (क) और (ख) भारत के विरुद्ध पाकिस्तान के निरंतर चल रहे प्रचार आंदोलन में जम्मू तथा कश्मीर के तथ्यों को तोड़-मरोड़ कर रखने तथा वहां की घटनाओं को विकृत रूप से रखने पर विशेष रूप से जोर दिया जा रहा है जो वास्तव में कश्मीर के मामले को अंतर्राष्ट्रीय रूप देने की भी कोशिश है।

(ग) सरकार ने पाकिस्तान पर बार-बार इस बात पर जोर दिया है कि वह भारत के खिलाफ शत्रुतापूर्ण प्रचार करना छोड़ दे जो कि शिमला समझौते का पूर्णतया उल्लंघन है और जिससे द्विपक्षीय संबंधों का माहौल दूषित होता है। सरकार ने जम्मू और कश्मीर के बारे में सही तथ्यों को प्रचारित करने के लिए समुचित कदम उठाए हैं और निरंतर उठाती रहेगी। अंतर्राष्ट्रीय समुदाय को भी भारत के विरुद्ध किए जाने वाले आतंकवाद को पाकिस्तान के समर्थन के बारे में बता दिया गया है।

U. S. Report on human rights

1619. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA; Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Business and Political Observer dated 5th February, 1992 regarding US State Department report on human rights blaming India for abusing human rights;

(b) so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken to counter the allegations made therein?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government are equally com mitted to uphold human rights and to its constitutional duty to maintain law and order to protect the rights of innocent citizens.

(c) Government's position on hu man rights has been reiterated at various levels in the US Administra-tion